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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 8, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103-3597

RE: **PETITION NO. 1171 -** Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of the existing South Windsor Public Library building located at 1550 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on September 3, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that the above-referenced proposal would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50k, would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with the following conditions:

- Unless otherwise approved by the Council, if the facility authorized herein is not fully constructed within three years from the date of the mailing of the Council's decision, this decision shall be void, and the facility owner/operator shall dismantle the facility and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council before any such use is made. The time between the filing and resolution of any appeals of the Council's decision shall not be counted in calculating this deadline. Authority to monitor and modify this schedule, as necessary, is delegated to the Executive Director. The facility owner/operator shall provide written notice to the Executive Director of any schedule changes as soon as is practicable.
- Any request for extension of the time period to fully construct the facility shall be filed with the Council not later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of this decision and shall be served on all parties and intervenors, if applicable, and the Town of South Windsor.
- Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
- Any nonfunctioning antenna and associated antenna mounting equipment on this facility owned and operated by the Petitioner shall be removed within 60 days of the date the antenna ceased to function;
- If the facility ceases to provide wireless services for a period of one year the Petitioner shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council within 90 days from the one year period of cessation of service. The Petitioner may submit a written request to the Council for an extension of the 90 day period not later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the 90 day period; and



• This Declaratory Ruling may be transferred or partially transferred, provided both the facility owner/operator/transferor and the transferee are current with payments to the Council for their respective annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v. The Council shall be notified of such sale and/or transfer and of any change in contact information for the individual or representative responsible for management and operations of the facility within 30 days of the sale and/or transfer. Both the facility owner/operator/transferor and the transferee shall provide the Council with a written agreement as to the entity responsible for any quarterly assessment charges under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v(b)(2) that may be associated with this facility.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition dated July 13, 2015.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the staff report on this project.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein MAB

Robert Stein Chairman

RS/CH/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated September 8, 2015

c: The Honorable M. Saud Anwar, Mayor, Town of South Windsor Michele R. Lipe, AICP, Town Planner, Town of South Windsor Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager, Town of South Windsor



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Petition No. 1171
Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
1550 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor
Staff Report
September 3, 2015

On July 14, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a petition from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of the South Windsor Public Library, owned by the Town of South Windsor, and located at 1550 Sullivan Avenue. The facility will provide capacity relief to Cellco's network in commercial and residential areas along Routes 30 and 194 in the center of South Windsor and to the South Windsor Town Hall and Public Library.

Specifically, Cellco would install a single canister-type antenna and remote radio head to the top of a small tower mast structure, attached to the mechanical penthouse on the roof of the building. The tower mast, antenna and remote radio head will be concealed inside a faux chimney structure designed to match the brick facade of the Town library. The mast and antenna would extend approximately six feet above the mechanical penthouse, to an overall height of approximately 44.5 feet above ground level. Cellco's radio equipment will be located on the ground on a 6-foot by 8-foot concrete pad along the east side of the building. The subject 13-acre parcel is within a rural residential zone district surrounded by commercial and residential land uses.

The visual impact of the project is expected to be negligible as the small cell facility would be concealed by a faux chimney and would extend six feet above the existing mechanical penthouse. Visibility of the small cell installation would be limited to an approximately 750-foot radius or less. See the photo-simulation on the next page.

The maximum worst-case power density would be 32.51 percent of the applicable limit. No notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is required.

Notice was provided to the Town of South Windsor, the property owner, and abutting property owners. No comments have been received to date.

Cellco contends that this proposed project would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect.





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